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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on the statements by the Council and the Commission

pursuant to Rule 132(2) of the Rules of Procedure

on the sustainable reconstruction and integration of Ukraine into the Euro-Atlantic community
(2023/2739(RSP))

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European Parliament resolution on the sustainable reconstruction and integration of Ukraine into the Euro-Atlantic community (2023/2739(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Ukraine, in particular since the escalation of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine in February 2022,
 - having regard to the widespread international condemnation of Russia’s illegal war of aggression against Ukraine, and the loss of human life and destruction it created in Ukraine,
 - having regard to the unprecedented support and assistance provided by the EU and the Member States to Ukraine,
 - having regard to the EU’s unity and policies in response to the crisis in Ukraine,
 - having regard to the Association Agreement between the European Union and its Member States, of the one part, and Ukraine, of the other part¹ and to the accompanying Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area between the European Union and Ukraine, signed in 2014,
 - having regard to the application for EU membership by Ukraine on 28 February 2022, and to the consequent granting of candidate status by the European Council on 23 June 2022,
 - having regard to Ukraine’s aspirations to deepen its integration into the EU and NATO,
 - having regard to the outcome document of the Ukraine Recovery Conference (URC2022) held in Lugano from 4 to 5 July 2022 and to the upcoming URC2023 in London from 21 to 22 June 2023,
 - having regard to the outcome of the International Expert Conference on the Recovery, Reconstruction and Modernisation of Ukraine, held in Berlin on 25 October 2022,
 - having regard to Rule 132(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas since 24 February 2022, when Russia relaunched its unprovoked, unjustified and illegal war of aggression against Ukraine, the geopolitical situation in Europe has fundamentally changed;
- B. whereas Ukraine and its citizens have been determined in their resistance against Russia’s war of aggression; whereas they have successfully defended their country, albeit with a high cost in civilian and military casualties, destroyed civilian and public

¹ OJ L 161, 29.5.2014, p. 3.

infrastructure, and the destruction of the natural environment and cultural heritage sites;

- C. whereas during this time, Russian forces have conducted indiscriminate attacks against residential areas and civilian infrastructure, killing thousands of Ukrainian civilians, forcibly deporting and illegally imprisoning Ukrainian citizens in Russia and Russian-occupied territories of Ukraine and carrying out acts of terror throughout the country;
 - D. whereas Ukraine, as an independent and sovereign country, possesses the fundamental right to determine its own future; whereas this includes the freedom to choose its alliances, to establish its own policies and to pursue its national interests in line with the will of its people;
 - E. whereas a strong, stable and independent Ukraine is vital for the stability of the Euro-Atlantic area and crucial for fostering global peace and stability, and upholding the principles of democracy and international legality;
 - F. whereas Ukraine is now a candidate country for membership of the European Union and has received massive support in all areas from the EU, including unprecedented military support;
 - G. whereas Ukraine has made significant progress in advancing crucial reforms and demonstrates a clear commitment to EU and NATO integration;
 - H. whereas a World Bank study of March 2023 indicates that the post-war reconstruction of Ukraine could cost over USD 411 billion; whereas this figure is likely to increase further as more infrastructure is damaged or destroyed, as exemplified by the recent destruction of the Kakhovka dam and the subsequent extensive flooding in the downriver areas;
- 1. Reiterates its solidarity with and pays tribute to the brave people of Ukraine, who are courageously defending their country's sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity;
 - 2. Reiterates its condemnation in the strongest possible terms of the unprovoked, illegal and unjustified Russian war of aggression against Ukraine; calls on Russia to immediately terminate all military activities in Ukraine and to unconditionally withdraw all forces and military equipment from the entire internationally recognised territory of Ukraine;
 - 3. Reaffirms its determination to continue supporting Ukraine until the full restoration and control of its internationally recognised borders and throughout the process of Ukraine's sustainable recovery and reconstruction;
 - 4. Acknowledges the resilience and determination demonstrated by the Ukrainian people in their pursuit of democratic values, reform efforts and aspirations for integration into the Euro-Atlantic community of nations;
 - 5. Encourages the EU and the Member States to provide increased support and assistance to Ukraine on its path to accession, including technical expertise, capacity-building and institutional reforms necessary to meet the membership criteria;

6. Condemns in the strongest possible terms the destruction of the Kakhovka dam on 6 June 2023, which caused extensive flooding and an environmental disaster in Ukraine and constitutes a war crime;
7. Reiterates its call on the Commission, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and the Member States to support all measures, including the establishment of a special tribunal to secure full accountability for the crimes committed during Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, especially the crime of aggression, war crimes and crimes against humanity;
8. Reiterates its condemnation of the forcible deportation of Ukrainian civilians, including children, to Russia and territories of Ukraine temporarily occupied by Russia and Belarus; calls on all states and international organisations to press Russia to return all forcibly deported and illegally imprisoned Ukrainian civilians, especially children;
9. Condemns the behaviour of the states, entities and individuals that help Russia avoid the effects of EU sanctions; calls on the Commission and the Member States to develop a sanction circumvention prevention mechanism; calls on the Commission and the Member States to expand the sanctions to include a full ban on the marketing and cutting of diamonds of Russian origin or re-exported by Russia in all Member States; reiterates its call for European companies to withdraw their operations from Russia; calls on the Member States to take particular measures to prevent advanced technology products that are being exported to non-EU countries from ending up in Russia; calls on the Member States to very strictly prosecute individuals or entities participating in the circumvention of EU sanctions;
10. Reiterates the position that Ukraine is Europe and that Ukraine's future lies within the EU, as declared by the President of the European Parliament when welcoming the President of Ukraine, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, on 9 February 2023; reaffirms its commitment to Ukraine's membership of the EU, which represents a geostrategic shift and investment in a united and strong Europe;
11. Reiterates its call for an innovative, complementary and flexible interaction between the ongoing work on the implementation of the Association Agreement in force and the accession negotiation process, thus allowing for Ukraine's gradual integration into the EU single market and sectoral programmes, including access to EU funds in the respective areas; urges the Member States to abstain from any unilateral actions that would limit Ukraine's access to the EU single market;
12. Underlines that the accession process will be merit-based, and that the renewed enlargement methodology puts an emphasis on the crucial areas of respect for the rule of law, fundamental values, human rights, democracy and the fight against corruption from the very start; strongly believes that a firm, merit-based prospect of EU membership for Ukraine is in the Union's very own political, economic and security interest;
13. Calls on the Council and the Commission to set out a clear pathway for the start of the accession negotiations, based on a step-by-step approach, focusing on providing tangible benefits for Ukrainian society and citizens from the start of the process; calls on the Commission to present a bold and ambitious plan for these negotiations and for

Ukraine's rapid, stepwise integration into EU policies and programmes; welcomes Ukraine's progress in implementing seven recommendations made by the Commission; looks forward to and underlines the importance of the Commission's assessment towards the start of EU accession negotiations; urges the Commission and the Member States to continue supporting Ukraine so that its accession negotiations can be opened this year;

14. Underlines that the EU must continue and step up its financial, technical and political support to Ukraine in order to assist with its EU integration and that the Union itself must undertake the necessary reforms in view of future enlargements;
15. Underlines that EU support goes far beyond the civilian sector and also encompasses far-reaching support in the military field; calls for the EU, the Member States and like-minded partners to enhance military cooperation with Ukraine, including through the provision of increased capabilities, training and capacity-building, in order to strengthen Ukraine's defence capabilities and to deter further aggression; reiterates its support for these measures and for their substantial expansion and that full use should be made of the European Peace Facility in this respect;
16. Acknowledges and commends Ukraine's significant contribution to the security of the Euro-Atlantic area and the defence of its values by resisting Russia's war of aggression; calls on the NATO allies to use the upcoming NATO summit in Vilnius to fulfil their promise regarding Ukraine's membership of NATO and to advance Ukraine's bid to join the alliance; reiterates its call for the EU, the Member States and NATO allies to work closely with Ukraine in developing a framework for security guarantees on the basis of the Kyiv Security Compact; emphasises the fact that Ukraine's integration into NATO and the EU would enhance regional security, promote stability and strengthen the bonds of cooperation and shared values between Ukraine and the Euro-Atlantic community;
17. Calls for the EU, the Member States and like-minded partners to provide comprehensive and coordinated political, economic, technical and humanitarian assistance to support the sustainable and inclusive post-conflict reconstruction and recovery of Ukraine, with a particular emphasis on the restoration of essential infrastructure, healthcare, education and social services; acknowledges the work done by Ukraine, the EU, the G7, international financial institutions and other like-minded partners to develop a recovery and reconstruction plan for Ukraine; welcomes and supports the seven guiding principles of the Lugano Declaration in particular;
18. Reiterates its position that representatives of local self-government and civil society in Ukraine must be actively involved in the recovery and reconstruction process and that this process must meet the highest standards of transparency and accountability;
19. Calls on the EU institutions and the Member States to maintain unity and to put increased pressure on Russia and its allies, including through further sanctions packages, aimed at strategically weakening Russia's war capacity;
20. Calls on the Commission, the European External Action Service and the Member States to strengthen strategic communication and provide relevant information on the mutual benefits and opportunities of enlargement both in Ukraine and in the Member States in

order to further increase support and improve understanding of the accession process; calls on the Commission, the European External Action Service and the Member States to improve the visibility of EU funding and its tangible results in Ukraine; insists that EU and Ukrainian civil society should play an active role in the implementation of these objectives;

21. Calls for the EU and its Member States to work strategically and proactively to counter hybrid threats and to prevent Russia's interference in political, electoral and other democratic processes in Ukraine and in the EU, in particular malicious acts aimed at manipulating public opinion and undermining European integration;
22. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the President, Government and Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, the NATO Secretary General and the President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.